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RE: ADM File 2011-08
ADM File 2011-10
ADM File 2012-03
ADM File 2011-09
ADM File 2011-14
ADM File 2011-18

Dear Clerk Davis:

At the June 26, 2012 meeting of the Michigan Judges Association, the Executive Board, Rules Committee, and Family Law Committee considered the above-referenced proposed amendments.

MJA considered the remainder of **ADM file 2011-08**. We support the adoption of the proposed amendment.

MJA also considered **ADM file 2011-10** and would oppose the adoption of the proposed amendment. The attorney general already appears to represent the parole decision and we have the ability to appoint counsel as needed. We are concerned about the budget requirements involved in implementing the rule.

MJA also considered **ADM file 2012-03**. We agree that interpreters should be appointed to represent parties as needed and in both civil and criminal cases. We believe we have the ability to do so now. We are concerned with the ability of all courts across the State to have a pool of certified interpreters as proposed in the rule. We are also concerned about the ability to budget for these requirements. With these concerns

in mind we would opt for Alternative A in both areas where available and would also suggest that 1.111 (D) be amended to require the Court to record an interpreter rather than making it optional.

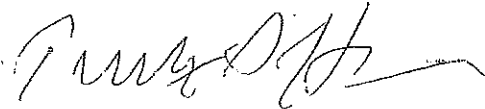
MJA also considered **ADM file 2011-09** and would defer to the Court of Appeals Rules committee.

MJA also considered **ADM file 2011-14** and would support the adoption of the proposed amendment.

MJA also considered **ADM file 2011-18** and would support the adoption of the proposed amendment.

We thank the Court for considering our input on these matters. If the Michigan Judges Association may provide any further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy Hicks", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hon. Timothy Hicks, President
Michigan Judges Association

c: Hon. Robert P. Young, Jr., Chief Justice Michigan Supreme Court
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